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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

As a nuclear professional and member of the American Nuclear Society, I am writing you to recommend a favorable decision on Yucca Mountain by the Secretary of Energy.

The safe operation of Yucca Mountain is vital for assuring that nuclear energy will be able to continue providing an energy alternative that is safe and which reduces our dependence on foreign energy sources.

The many studies performed on the suitability of Yucca Mountain, which have been rigorously reviewed by regulators and peers, lead to the conclusion that it is feasible and safe. In fact, storing high level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing its storage at separate nuclear power plant sites.

In addition to the natural and engineered safety features of this site, both theoretical studies, tests, and industry experience show that transportation of spent fuel this site is safe.

I thus do not see any other reasonable conclusion than that the Secretary of Energy should recommend the operation of Yucca Mountain.

Sincerely,


William V. Lipton